



Connecticut River Museum

Go Fish! Game

THE PACK

Print out two copies of Connecticut River Go Fish and cut along the dotted lines. You will have 96 total cards with 24 different books. Some cards will be dealt and the rest will form the stock pile.

OBJECT OF THE GAME

The goal is to win the most "books" of cards. A book is any four of a kind, such as four Eagles, four *Onrusts*, and so on.

THE DEAL

The dealer deals the cards clockwise one at a time, face down, beginning with the player to the left. Each player receives **Five** cards. The remainder of the pack is placed face down on the table to form the stock.

THE PLAY

The player to the left of the dealer looks directly at any opponent and says, for example, "Give me your *Onrusts*,"; specifying the card that they want. The player who is "fishing" must have at least one card of the type that was asked for in their hand. The player who is addressed must hand over all the cards requested. If the player has none, they say, "Go fish!" and the player who made the request draws the top card of the stock and places it in their hand.

If a player gets one or more cards of the named type that was asked for, they are entitled to ask the same or another player for a card. The player can ask for the same card or a different one. So long as the player succeeds in getting cards (makes a catch), their turn continues. When a player makes a catch, they must reveal the card so that the catch is verified. If a player gets the fourth card of a book, the player shows all four cards, places them on the table face up in front of everyone, and plays again.

If the player goes fishing without "making a catch" (does not receive a card s/he asked for), the turn passes to the left.

TO WIN

The game ends when all twenty-four books have been won. The winner is the player with the most books. During the game, if a player is left without cards, they may (when it's their turn to play), draw from the stock and then ask for cards of that rank. If there are no cards left in the stock, they are out of the game.